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Robotics FIRST competition begins Friday at BHS

Belleville High School's robotics team is hosting a FIRST Robotics District Event, with competition starting on Friday, March 8, and ending on Saturday, March 9.

This open-to-the-public event will take place in the BHS Main Gym, and admission is free.

The Belleville district event will feature 40 teams from across Southeast Michigan, including Team 6615 from BHS, the Belle Voxel Bots, who will compete for the district prize as well as for ranking points which will potentially earn them a berth in a state-wide competition to be hosted by Saginaw Valley State University.

The schedule for the Belleville events:

Thursday, March 7

- Pit set up starting at 5 p.m.

Friday, March 8

- Doors open at 8 a.m.
- Opening ceremonies at 10:30 a.m.
- Match competition from 11 a.m. until approximately 7 p.m.
- Pits close at 8 p.m. (or one hour after last match of the day)

Saturday, March 9

- Doors open at 8 a.m.
- Opening ceremonies at 9 a.m.
- Match competition continues from 9:30 a.m. until about 1 p.m.
- Playoff rounds begin at about 2 p.m.
- Award presentation at about 5 p.m.
- Pits close at 6:30 p.m. (or one hour after completion of awards ceremony)



Independent photos by Rosemary K. Otzman

About two dozen people attended a Feb. 28 workshop for planning commissions in the tri-community put on by the Sumpter Township Planning Commission consultants at Carlisle Wortman. John Enos, left, a principle at Carlisle Wortman, taught the class on the laws and procedures needed to be followed by planning commissions. Members of the commissions and boards of zoning appeals from Sumpter, Belleville, and Van Buren heard the presentation, along with one member of the public who showed up to learn about planning commissions.





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More than 100 owners of lakeside property in Van Buren Township gathered on Feb. 28 for a workshop that explained permits, the proposed Belleville Lake draw down, and other questions. VBT staff members also signed up volunteers for the lake draw down. Sitting with his booted leg elevated on a chair in the front row of the meeting is VBT Trustee Paul White who broke two ends of his fibula in a fall a week earlier.



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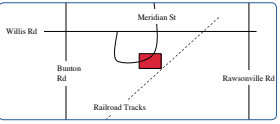
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SECOND FRONT PAGE

Sumpter Supervisor Morgan says attorney will move to audience

By Rosemary K. Otzman
Independent Editor

Supervisor John Morgan shot down a motion to move the township attorney from the board table, where he has been sitting for more than 20 years, by saying he recommends moving him after the new board table is complete.

This was at the Feb. 26 work/study session of the township board.

After he saw a proposed motion on the agenda to move the attorney, Supervisor Morgan said he emailed all the board members with his recommendation and got no replies, which he read as no dissent.

He said his recommendation would be that after the new board table is done, they will have tables for the deputy clerk and staff members and at that time he suggested moving the attorney to a table in the audience.

Trustee Matthew Oddy said now any time board members have to address staff members everyone in the audience has to turn around to see them at the back of the room. They should be in the front of the room, Trustee Oddy said.

Trustee Don Laporte said he talked to Public Safety Director/Police Chief Eric Luke and he said Chief Luke said he would like to keep a defensive position.

Supervisor Morgan said, "We can make an exception."

"I was the one who brought this forward," said Treasurer Ken Bednark, noting recently the deputy clerk, who takes the minutes, was removed from the board table and put at a table by herself in the area behind the board.

Treasurer Bednark said he has yet to find a municipality that has the attorney sitting

up with the elected officials.

He said he has no difficulty waiting for the board table to be done. He said the attorney can come up to the microphone to give his report.

"Elected officials should sit here at the board table and the attorney is not elected," Bednark said, adding he wanted it voted on as he requested.

At the regular meeting, Bednark made the motion that he had put on the agenda: "Consider immediate and permanent removal of the Sumpter Township attorney from the board table seat between the Treasurer and Trustee and place the attorney in the audience with other township staff during all Sumpter Township regular meetings, special meetings, and workshops."

There was no second, so the motion died for lack of support.

In other business at the Feb. 26 meeting, the board:

- Approved the first readings of three ordinance amendments, as recommended by the planning commission. The first one is to allow larger accessory structures. The second two are to amend ordinances to define yard waste and to prohibit the placing of yard waste in drains and public and private right of ways. The second readings and approvals of the three ordinance amendments are expected at the next regular meeting;
- Set a public hearing on the proposed 2020 budget for 6 p.m., March 12;
- Approved the recommendation of Hennessey Engineers to accept the low bid of Inland Waters Pollution Control of Detroit in the amount of \$140,635 for the Willis Road sewer lining program and



Independent photo by Rosemary K. Otzman

Sumpter Township attorney Rob Young, right, has sat at the township board table at every board meeting with elected officials for more than 20 years advising board members on multiple issues at each meeting. Sumpter Treasurer Ken Bednark, left, introduced a resolution at the Feb. 26 meeting to have the attorney sit in the audience, like in other municipalities, and just have elected officials at the table making the decisions. There was no second for his motion, so it died for lack of support.

\$8,890 contingency costs for a total of \$149,525 from the 2019-20 budget;

- Approved the third-quarter budget amendments as presented by Financial Director Scott Holtz;

- Approved purchase of a supply trailer for the fire department from D&R Trailer Sales, Inc., for \$3,707. This bright-red trailer with the township's name on it will be used to transport the John Deere Gator donated by the Insurance Company Auto Auction with 60 miles on it. The door had been smashed in, but the fire fighters fixed it for \$400. It will be parked inside the fire hall. Chief Luke said they needed a way to get the Gator from point A to point B and they can't drive it across the township. It will be used out in the woods with a crew to fight fires;

- Heard no motion on agenda item I, a resolution concerning review of the 2019-20 budget, put on the agenda by Treasurer Bednark. The resolution asked for a special public hearing on the budget followed up with a community forum so residents have a chance to ask questions and give input. The budget also will be available for public viewing and distribution a week prior to board adoption. Bednark explained later that he didn't make the motion on this because, even though he submitted his agenda request before Supervisor Morgan, Morgan's item was put higher on the agenda and passed before they could get to his item;

- Approved Bednark's request to hire Erica Campbell to the position of part-time clerk in the treasurer's office, starting Feb. 28, at \$18 per hour;

- Approved Bednark's request to hire Wendy Snook as interim deputy treasurer at a pay of \$25.08 per hour. The resignation of former Deputy Treasurer Vern Morse was accepted;

- Unanimously approved warrants

totaling \$3,245,502.29, with the exception of item #1902095, which was tabled at the request of Trustee Oddy. This is the \$7,500 final payment for Elan audio video which installed the new cable system that had given the township problems;

- Held a long discussion on the problems with retirement accounts for township residents, brought out publicly by former Treasurer Peggy Morgan. Holtz said Nationwide has the money and said its been shipped to MEARS, but MEARS said it doesn't have the money. Holtz said he looked into the accounts of former Fire Chief Les Powell and Trustee Matthew Oddy, but got no totals. "It's like you have money, but you don't," said former Trustee Sheena Barnes. "Yes," Holtz replied. "I feel guilty. It will be resolved. I make that promise." Township attorney Young said he just got the information and he'll get to the bottom of this. Peggy Morgan asked, "If I drop dead today would my family be able to get my money? No";

- Heard Chief Luke give a visual presentation on the deteriorating floor drains in Fire Hall 1, which was built in 1998. The floor drains for all four bays had failed concrete, with the metal drain liner separating and rust expanding, pushes everything out of the ground from 3/4" to 1" above the floor level making a trip hazard. Southgate Fire Department had a similar situation and Luke went out to look at their drains. It was fixed by GB Concrete. He estimated the cost to fix Sumpter's fire hall drains to be about \$70,000 with a 10% contingency. He said he was all for going out for a second bid and is looking at getting going in late spring; and

- Heard Bednark announce the Treasurer's office is sponsoring a pet clinic from 1-4 p.m. on Saturday, March 9, across the street from the township hall. Pets will be able to get licensing and vaccinations.

Belleville City Council approves three-year contract with GELC

By Rosemary K. Otzman
Independent Editor

At its Feb. 19 regular meeting, the Belleville City Council unanimously approved a three-year GELC union contract starting Jan. 1, 2019. There are 7.5 employees in GELC.

The contract includes:

- Language to comply with the Supreme Court Janus Decision that allows employees not to belong to and pay dues to the union that represents them;
- One day of sick day on the first day of the month;
- Upon completion of their probationary period, new employees shall be entitled to one day for personal business;
- Employees get two personal business days a year;

- Not more than one employee shall be off at a time per department;

- No more than 80 hours of compensatory time in a bank;

- Removal of language that says no employee shall be allowed to take more than 16 hours consecutive at any one time;

- The city shall furnish and pay the premium for life insurance for each employee in the amount of \$50,000 (rather than equal to the employee's base salary as in the past);

- Employees separating during the year shall be paid the stipend to the billing period immediately preceding their separation;

- Wage scale shall be modified so that the current column for year 10 is changed to year 7;

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Letters

Sophia Zoller named Member of Achievement

To the editor:

Belleville Area Women's Club announced its Member of Achievement for 2019 at its February business meeting. It selected and honored Sophia Zoller.

Sophia has been an active and enthusiastic member since December 1980 starting with the BPW and continuing with BAWC.

Sophia has held all the executive board positions and most of the club chairmanships. She participates in the Strawberry Festival parade, as well as the Christmas parade. She attends all meetings. She believes in staying active.

Currently she is secretary of the BAWC; she served as treasurer for 12 years. She is active in the township, community, and church. She enjoys bowling and hopes to continue golf.

Congratulations to Sophia Zoller, Member of Achievement.

Pamela O'Neill
Van Buren Township

Volunteer group needs help for senior party

To Community Members:

Graduation for the Belleville High School Class of 2019 is fast approaching. There has been a long-standing tradition that after the graduation ceremony is over, the graduates are invited back to BHS that night for a Senior Party. The party this year is on May 30 from approximately 9 p.m. to 3 a.m. This is a safe, alternative party; an evening of fun, entertainment, and prizes. There is music, sports, games, food, etc. This is truly a once-in-a-lifetime memory.

The Senior Party Planning Committee at BHS will be organizing this adventure. The team, made up primarily of parent volunteers, is asking area businesses and community members to help us make this a night to remember. Any help you could offer, such as monetary gifts or items that would be appropriate for the Class of 2019, would be most appreciated. Besides providing entertainment, decorations, food and drinks, our goal is for each graduate to be awarded a prize that evening.

Felicia Lasenby is the BHS Staff Senior Party liaison and Amy Pearce is one of the many parents in charge of fund raising. The Tax ID of the high school is 38-6004192.

If you have any questions, please contact Mrs. Lasenby at (734) 697-9133, ext. 2111, flasenby@vanburenschools.net. Checks should be made payable to Belleville High School and please note in the memo area that it is for the Class of 2019 Senior Party. Checks and items can be sent or dropped off at: Belleville High School, Attention: Felicia Lasenby, 501 W. Columbia, Belleville, MI 48111.

Should you wish to donate an item(s) that

you would like picked up, please call BHS at (734) 697-9133 and arrangements will be made.

Thank you for your time and your continued support of our community.

Felicia Lasenby, BHS teacher
Student Council Advisor
BHS Senior Party Planning Team Liaison

Thanks to St. Jude

To the editor:

I would like to "Thank St. Jude" for answering my prayers.
Peace & Prayers, M.S.

Clarifications: Robinson adds details on his appeal of ordinance violation

Ronald Barrington Robinson, a Sumpter resident who was found guilty by a 34th District Court jury of a township ordinance violation for parking his RV on his acreage, wants to add some clarifications to the story the *Independent* ran Feb. 21 on his appeal to circuit court.

Robinson said Judge David Parrott ordered him not to have any travel trailers parked on his property and he was given a \$5,000 bond and 48 hours of community service.

He immediately did his community service at the Sumpter Township Senior Center, he said.

The story we printed said "Robinson stipulated that he would not have any RVs of any type brought onto, or allowed, on his property at 27325 Martinsville Rd. in Sumpter Township, but all other parts of his sentencing are stayed until Circuit Court is done with the case."

But Robinson says he did not stipulate anything. He said Parrott ordered no trailer or recreation vehicle of any kind to be on the property for two years.

He said two of his horses, kept on that property, were poisoned during the 2016 mid-term race. He is still offering a \$5,000 reward to find those responsible.

Robinson also added that he asked the township zoning administrator for a permit and his response was, "Get the trailer off the property, now!"

Robinson said Judge Parrott stated when asked to admit evidence that showed all the other trailers on property in the township that are not being targeted and the issue of political pay back, "I'm not going to permit a circus in my courtroom."

Rosemary K. Oztzman, editor

Cougar sighted Tuesday at Bemis/Sumpter roads

Jim Chudzinski reports that he sighted a cougar crossing the road in the Sumpter Road/Bemis Road area just before 9 a.m. on Tuesday. He said he was on his way back to the City of Belleville from his business in Sumpter Township when he saw the big cat.

This is the same area where Pastor Valentine saw a cougar about two years ago.

Dental, eye, ear services worth \$79,000 delivered free of charge

Pastor Nathaniel Oregon of the Belleville 7th-Day Adventist Church reported to the Belleville City Council on Monday that the free health services offered to local residents totaled up to \$79,000 worth of help.

His church sponsored the event on Feb. 24 at Edgemont Elementary School with more than 80 volunteers. Fifteen dental chairs were set up and seven or eight dentists and the same number of hygienists served the 129 people who came.

There were 118 x-rays, 62 people had their teeth cleaned, 51 had teeth extracted (with one person having eight teeth pulled) and 27 fillings.

There also were 60 eye exams and 55 pairs of glasses will be delivered. Eighteen had hearing screening and one was referred for a hearing aid. The Belleville Lions Club volunteered at the event.

Pastor Oregon said they are able to get glasses for \$10 each and, with the help of the Lions Club and his church, the people will get their glasses free.

Free children's clothing was distributed. Pastor Oregon pointed out that White Pine Dental of Belleville gives back to the community. Dr. DeAngelo Webster and his wife, also a dentist, volunteered their services for the event.

Pastor Oregon said he would like to do the event next year, as well, but that will be up to his church board.

Bobby McShane's hosts Sumpter Twp. 'Chat with the Chief' on March 27

Bobby McShane's restaurant at 19350 Sumpter Rd. will host "Chat with the Chief" at 1 p.m. Wednesday, March 27.

Sumpter Township Public Safety Director/Police Chief Eric Luke will be present to meet and talk with township residents about happenings and hopes in the community. This is planned to be a monthly event.



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Upcoming Meetings

- Monday, March 11 – Van Buren Public Schools Board of Education, 7 p.m., BHS Commons
- Tuesday, March 12 – September Days Senior Center, 11 a.m. Also, Van Buren Township Local Development Financing Authority meets at 2 p.m. This is a state-required informational meeting. Also, Sumpter Township workshop with budget

hearing at 6 p.m. and regular meeting at 6:30 p.m. Also, VBT Board of Zoning Appeals, 7 p.m. Also, Belleville Area District Library Board, 7:30 p.m.

- Wednesday, March 13 – Van Buren Township Planning Commission, 7:30 p.m.
- Thursday, March 14 – Keystone Academy school board, 6 p.m. Also, Sumpter Township Planning Commission, 7 p.m. Also, Belleville Planning Commission, 7 p.m.

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Obituaries



Sandra Graham

SANDRA GRAHAM

(April 23, 1967 - March 3, 2019)

Sandra Ann Graham, age 51, of Sumpter Township, MI, passed away early Sunday, March 3, 2019 at her home surrounded by her family. She was born April 23, 1967 in Ypsilanti, MI, daughter of Harold Leon & Helen Sabina (Kwiatkowski) Graham. She graduated from Ypsilanti High School. Sandra was a clerk for many years at University of Michigan Hospitals.

Sandy is survived by her husband of nearly 20 years, Edward N. Gordon; son Bruce (Amber) Gordon of Ypsilanti, MI; daughter Lacy (Andy Dillenback) Gordon of Petersburg, MI; two granddaughters Charlee and Mya Gordon; brother Pete (Debbie) Graham of Ypsilanti; three cherished dobermans Whiskey, Stag and Bailey; also, numerous extended family and friends. She was preceded in death by her parents.

According to her wishes, cremation rites have been entrusted to David C. Brown Funeral Home, Belleville. Memorial contributions may be made to Arbor Hospice & Home Care and would be appreciated.

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MILDRED ANN SHELDON

(March 29, 1944 - March 2, 2019)

Age 74, of Belleville. Survived by husband Robert; sons James and Robert; five grandchildren; two great-grandchildren. Cremation arranged; no public ceremony at this time. David C. Brown Funeral Home, Belleville. www.davidcbrownfh.com

CHARLENE KAY TESSMER

(March 20, 1949 - March 1, 2019)

Age 69, of Romulus. Survived by three children James, Tia, and Tamarra; ten grandchildren; one great-grandchild; and siblings Marcia and Tom. Memorial service held March 5. David C. Brown Funeral Home, Belleville. www.davidcbrownfh.com

VIRGINIA JEAN WILSON

(September 4, 1937 - February 26, 2019)

Age 81, of Belleville. Survived by husband Robert; three children, Rick, Valerie, Renee; four grandchildren; two great-grandsons; sister Rita. Memorial service held March 2. Arrangements by David C. Brown Funeral Home, Belleville. www.davidcbrownfh.com

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Things to do in the Belleville area...

• **Thursday, March 7, through Saturday, March 9** – Belleville High School is again hosting FIRST Robotics' District Competition. Registration is on Thursday and BHS is open from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. Friday and Saturday, hosting the 40 FIRST Robotics teams from schools across the state of Michigan. BHS is at 501 W. Columbia Ave., Belleville. Free entry.

• **Friday, March 8** – You're invited to come play Bingo from 12:30 to 2 p.m. every Friday at the September Days Senior Center, 46425 Tyler Rd. Bring pennies.

• **Saturday, March 9** – Girl Scouts are selling their cookies every Saturday through April 6 in front of Walmart.

• **Sunday, March 10** – Free, live music at the September Days Senior Center, 2-5 p.m. Today it's Jay Frandsen/SAX. For information, call Jimmy Baleja, (734) 223-4824 or Lynette Jordan (734) 699-8918.

• **Wednesday, March 13** – Chicken Supper from 5 p.m. until sold out at Willow United Methodist Church, 36925 Willow Rd., New Boston, (734) 654-9020. Carry-outs start at 4:30 p.m. Cost is \$10 per person with children 12 and under \$5 each. Menu: fried chicken, mashed potatoes, green beans biscuits & gravy, cole slaw, dessert, coffee, hot tea, milk.

• **Thursday, March 14** – The Belleville Area District Library has a live performance from a brass band for its Homegrown Knowledge Series at 7 p.m. It's the Toot Suite Brass. Local musician Bill Wilson will be there with his brass band to perform a concert of early 20th Century songs written by African American composers. Refreshments.

• **Friday, March 15** – You're invited to come play Bingo from 12:30 to 2 p.m. every Friday at the September Days Senior Center, 46425 Tyler Rd. Bring pennies.

• **Saturday, March 16** – Girl Scouts are selling their cookies every Saturday through April 6 in front of Walmart.

• **Sunday, March 17** – St. Patrick's Day Dinner today at the Van Buren Eagles #3996, 9961 Beck Rd., Van Buren Township, (734) 699-8836. Cost is \$15 per dinner with all the fixings. Served 5-8 p.m. or until gone.

• **Sunday, March 17** – Free, live music at the September Days Senior Center, 2-5 p.m. Today it's 18 Strings. For information, call Jimmy Baleja, (734) 223-4824 or Lynette Jordan (734) 699-8918.

• **Thursday, March 21** – A reversing diabetes workshop called "Diabetes Undone" begins today from 6:30 to 8 p.m. and runs every Thursday for eight weeks. Location is the Belleville Seventh-day Adventist Church, 89 S. Edgemont St. Food samples each night. For information or to register call Pastor Nathaniel Oregon at (918) 902-9977 or email him at pastornathanieloregon@gmail.com.

• **Friday, March 22** – Bowling fundraiser at 6 p.m. at Lodge Lanes in Van Buren Township for the Jitterbugs Elite Dance competitive team.

Belleville City Council approves three-year contract with police

By Rosemary K. Oztman
Independent Editor

On Monday, the Belleville City Council approved a three-year contract with the local unit of the Police Officers Association of Michigan, who had already ratified the proposed contract.

The contract runs from Jan. 1, 2019 to Dec. 31, 2021 and gives a raise in pay of 2.5% for each of the three years. There also is a \$100 signing bonus instead of adding two business days.

There are changes in wording on the vacations and a uniform allowance for part-time officers, at half the rate of full time. If part-timers work a holiday they get time and a half in addition to the holiday pay.

Also, an update to wording: "In the event that a full-time or part-time officer is unable to work the hours between 8 p.m. and 4 a.m. or any other allotted time slot during those specified hours a reserve officer may be permitted to fill the needed shift. All avenues to fill this needed shift with a full-time/part-time officer as outlined in this section must be exhausted. The full-time officer assigned to that shift must be notified in advance of shift and approve the reserve officer assigned."

Also, "Whenever a part-time employee is called in on request of management other than his/her time, he/she shall be paid at the rate of pay at time and one-half rate of pay."

Also, procedures are stated for bidding for the special assignment of school resource

officer and how that position is assigned. A SRO officer may hold that position for a maximum of four years.

In other business at Monday's meeting, the council:

- Approved the Veterans of Foreign Wars and Polish Legion of American Veterans request for "Buddy Poppy" sales between the hours of 5 a.m. and 7 p.m. on May 9-11, on locations on Main Street;

- Approved the following Belleville Central Business Community events: Flop E Bunny Candy Hunt at noon at Victory Park on April 20; Belleville Farmers' Market from June through September, 4-7:30 p.m. at the Fourth Street Square; Taste of Belleville at Horizon Park, 6-8 p.m., Aug. 15; Harvest Fest Market, Oct. 12, 11 a.m.-3 p.m. at Fourth Street Square; Monster Mutt Walk, noon-2 p.m. Oct. 19, Fourth Street Square; Halloween, 5-7 p.m., Oct. 31, Fourth Street Square;

- Approved the Belleville Area Chamber of Commerce Strawberry Fest 5-K run on June 15 from 5:30 to 9 a.m. starting and ending at Horizon Park. Parking for participants will be on the west side of the high school;

- Approved the Main St. Car Show put on by Egan's Pub and other community sponsors on Mondays from June 3 to Sept. 30, except for Labor Day, from 5 to 9 p.m.;

- Approved the Belleville Area Council for the Arts' Music Lakeside concerts on High Street at Horizon Park from June 20 through Aug. 15 from 4 to 10 p.m. This is

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City Council

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the 10th season on the lake, the 30th if you count Music in the Park. Ken Voigt asked the council to approve banners on the light poles at Horizon Park to promote the concerts all summer. This was referred to the administration for a recommendation, since it goes against the city's sign ordinance;

- Approved accounts payable of \$417,619.46 and the following purchases in excess of \$500: to Davenport Brothers, \$5,000 bond refund from escrow; and to Wise Technologies, \$573.75 for computers/network;

- Heard City Manager Diana Kollmeyer report that Cornell Anton has written a memo and delivered it earlier that day about the repairs needed at the Veterans Memorial. She said the city is putting together a timeline and will get a report on the financial part. They will ask Hennessey

Engineers to look at it and make a proposal for repairs. She said this will not include how to pay for it. She said she would like to see this settled once and for all;

- Learned 46 rooms were booked at the Holiday Inn for the Robotics competition this week end, which is bringing 40 teams from throughout the state to the event;

- Heard Mayor Kerreen Conley announce the Mayors' Ball will be held May 18 at the Belleville Yacht Club to benefit the Boys and Girls Clubs in both Romulus and Belleville;

- Heard John Blackstone say the VFW Post will celebrate its 75th anniversary at 1 p.m., Sept. 21, when it dedicates a 105-millimeter howitzer in its front yard. Digger Odell, the last living POW in the state of Michigan, will be present;

- Heard John Winter of Egan's Pub ask the city to work harder to get the city cleaned up after events. He said the Winter Fest parade left a big mess, with candy and beads thrown all over the place.

He used a broom to clean and he asked other businesses to help the city clean up. Although the parade ordinance says you can't throw candy, parade participants are doing it. Council Tom Fielder said he would mention this problem at the next Strawberry Festival committee meeting; and

- Heard Mayor Conley announce there are openings on several boards and commissions which need local volunteers. There is one opening on the Civil Service Commission, two on the Downtown Development Authority, two on Parks and Recreation, and three on the Cemetery Advisory Board.

Councilman Tom Smith was absent from Monday's council meeting.

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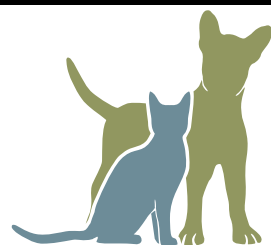
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St. Patrick's Day is approaching and that means it's Irish Corned Beef Dinner time once again on Saturday, March 16, 6 p.m., also at Wayne County Fairgrounds. The cost is \$12 per dinner for adults and \$8 for kids eight and under. Proceeds will go to the upkeep of the fairgrounds. Call (734) 697-7002.

Belleville High School presents a week-end of dance coming up with a Mother and Son Dance on Friday, March 15, from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Tickets are \$10 per guest. The following night, Saturday, it's the Daddy and Daughter Dance, also from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. with tickets at \$10. Both evenings will feature photo opportunities,

games, face painting, dancing and light refreshments. For info, see their ad in today's paper and visit the Belleville High School home page and click on the links. Other inquiries can be sent to Felicia Lasenby at flasenby@vanburenschools.net.

Congratulations to BHS bowler Katherine Dybicki who finished in 18th place at the individual state bowling finals last Saturday at Thunderbowl Lanes in Allen Park. Dybicki rolled games of 222, 197, 191, 191, 183, and 163 for a pin total of 1,147. Belleville wrestler Jaden Rice (285-pound weight class) won his opening two matches before losing to Detroit Catholic Central in the quarterfinals of the state individual tournament also last weekend at Ford Field. Teammate Blake Williams (160) lost his opening match to Clarkston. Congrats, Tigers, for a good run!

Behind the Scenes Day at Yankee Air Museum is coming up on Saturday, March 16, when 100 lucky attendees will get a private tour of the museum, including a hands-on experience with the museum's flyable C-47 and B-25 WWII aircraft. The event is free, but reservations are required and will be limited to groups of 20 at a time and last approximately an hour and a half. Sessions start at 10:30 a.m. and run through 2:30 p.m. Call (734) 483-4030.

Willow United Methodist Church on Willow Road in New Boston is having a Chicken Supper on Wednesday, March 13, from 5 p.m. until sold out. Tickets are \$10 each and children 12 and under are \$5 each. Dinner includes chicken, mashed potatoes, green beans, biscuits and gravy, dessert, and coffee, tea, or milk. Call (734) 654-9020.

Do you have a business item you would like to see in this column? There is no charge. Call Bob Mytych at (734) 699-9020 with your suggestion.

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Mother and Son Dance

When: Friday, March 15, 2019 from 6:30 pm - 8:30 pm
Where: Belleville High School 501 W. Columbia Ave 48111
Admission: \$10.00 (per guest)

Throughout this super fun packed night there will be many activities to partake in: photo opportunities, face painting, games, dancing and meet & greet with Superheroes. Light refreshments will be served. All ages require a ticket. Ticket sales begin on **January 28, 2019 and ends March 10, 2019**. Tickets can be purchased on Belleville High School website through PaySchools. Please submit each guest name in the comment section before submitting payment. All proceeds will benefit the class of 2021.

Click this link located on our home page under events "Mother and Son Dance":
<http://www.payschools.com/addtocart.asp?pid=78C5FB9D91044AF3A8209045749A74BC>

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Belleville High School Presents

"A Night with a King and his Princess"
Daddy and Daughter Dance

When: Saturday, March 16, 2019 from 6:30 pm - 8:30 pm
Where: Belleville High School 501 W. Columbia Ave 48111
Admission: \$10.00 (per guest)

Throughout this magical night there will be many fun activities: photo opportunities, face painting, games, dancing and meet & greet with princesses. Light refreshments will be served. All ages require a ticket. Ticket sales begin on **January 28, 2019 and ends March 10, 2019**. Tickets can be purchased on Belleville High School Website through PaySchools. Please submit each guest name in the comment section before submitting payment. All proceeds will benefit the class of 2020.

Click this link located on our home page under events "Daddy and Daughter Dance":
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City Council

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• Each employee shall receive a wage increase of 2.5% for every year of the agreement; and

• Each employee shall receive a \$100 signing bonus effective on the first pay period after ratification by both parties.

It was noted the union vote to ratify was not unanimous. The Government Employees Labor Council represents workers in the department of public services, clerical workers at city hall, and a part-time clerical worker in the police department.

In other business at the Feb. 19 meeting, the council:

• Approved a Kiwanis request to sell subscriptions as a fund raiser for the club to place flags in Horizon Park, near the end of Brain Street, on six holidays in the summer for five days each. Don Johnson of the Kiwanis said they figure they could fit in up to 36 flags in that area for subscriptions of \$35 a year. They plan to put in one foot of PVC for each flag, left in place all year and capped at ground level so it wouldn't interfere with mowing;

• Approved the Strawberry Festival's Responsibility Policy and Administrative Policy, with the wording the same as last year, but with all references to St. Anthony taken out because the church will not be participating in the festival this year; and

• Approved the Belleville Area Chamber of Commerce placement of festival carnival and rides on the Belleville High School property. There will be no beer tent at St. Anthony and "nothing at all" there, said Chamber Executive Director Paul Henning.

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— Arthur Hays Salzberger

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McBride student named semifinalist in state GeoBee competition

Brody Hill, an eighth grade student at McBride Middle School, has been notified by the National Geographic Society that he is one of the semifinalists eligible to compete

in the 2019 National Geographic GeoBee Michigan State Competition.

The contest will be held at the Fetzer Center at Western Michigan University in Kalamazoo, MI on Friday, March 29.

Brody is the son of Michelle and Eli Hill.

Ronald F. Hoepfner II, a social studies teacher at McBride, said Brody's state score on his GeoBee state qualifying test placed

him in the top 100 students in the entire state of Michigan. He will be going to WMU at the end of the month to compete for the state title and cash prizes.

If he were to win at the state level, he then would represent Michigan in Washington, D.C. for the National Championship and a chance to win a \$25,000 scholarship, vacations, and cash prizes, Hoepfner said.

The state competition is the second level of the National Geographic GeoBee competition, which is now in its 31st year. School GeoBees were held in schools with fourth- through eighth-grade students throughout the state to determine each school champion. School champions then took an online qualifying test, which they submitted to the National Geographic Society.

The National Geographic Society has invited up to 100 of the top-scoring students in each of the 50 states, the District of Columbia, Department of Defense Dependents Schools and U.S. territories to compete in the State GeoBees.

This year, National Geographic increased the prize money for all State GeoBees. State champions will receive a medal, \$1,000 in

cash, and other prizes, as well as a trip to Washington, D.C., to represent their state in the National Championship to be held at National Geographic Society headquarters, May 19-22. Students that come in second and third place will receive cash awards of \$300 and \$100, respectively.

Each State Champion will advance to the National Championship and compete for cash awards and college scholarships. In 2019, the national champion will receive a \$25,000 college scholarship, \$1,000 in cash, a lifetime membership in the National Geographic Society, and an all-expenses-paid Lindblad expedition to the Galápagos Islands aboard the *National Geographic Endeavour II*; second place will receive at \$10,000 college scholarship and \$1,000 in cash; third place will receive a \$5,000 college scholarship and \$1,000 in cash; and seven runners-up will receive \$1,000 in cash each. Visit www.natgeobee.org for more information on the National Geographic GeoBee.

Follow the National competition at National Geographic Headquarters in Washington, D.C., on May 19-22 at natgeoed.org/experiences.

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City of Belleville Public Notice



CITY OF BELLEVILLE Regular City Council Meeting Minutes Tuesday, February 19, 2019

A regular meeting of the Council for the City of Belleville was called to order by Mayor Conley at 7:30 p.m. at the Municipal Building, 6 Main Street, Belleville.

1. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE & MOMENT OF SILENCE

2. ROLL CALL

Council Member Fielder	Present
Council Member Marcotte	Present
Council Member Smith	Present
Mayor Pro Tem Loria	Present

Mayor Conley Present

3. PRESENTATIONS AND CITIZEN COMMENTS

Presentations

None

Council follow up list

Council Member Marcotte inquired about the status of the Doane's Landing seawall restoration project, and DPS Director Rick Rutherford that he would present an update to Council soon.

Citizen Comments

None

4. AGENDA APPROVAL

Motion by Fielder Second by Smith to approve the agenda as presented.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by Loria, Second by Marcotte to approve the City Council meeting minutes from February 4th as presented.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

6. PUBLIC HEARINGS

None

7. INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES

None

8. GENERAL BUSINESS

A. Recreational Marihuana

City Attorney Steve Hitchcock gave a presentation on the recreational marihuana act voters approved in November, 2018. Michigan LARA will start accepting applications in December, 2019. The City will need a new ordinance if it wants to opt out of allowing these activities in the City limits. He also stated that the City will need to revise its controlled substance ordinance since marihuana is no longer illegal. After a lengthy discussion, Mayor Conley called on the Council for a motion and vote.

Motion by Fielder, Second by Loria to approve Resolution No. 19-008 authorizing the City Attorney to prepare an ordinance that opts out of recreational marihuana in the City of Belleville.
MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

B. Kiwanis Club Flag Project

Motion by Fielder, Second by Loria to approve Resolution No. 19-009 allowing the Belleville Kiwanis Club to place flags at Horizon Park on Memorial Day, Independence Day, and Veterans' Day as proposed.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

C. Strawberry Festival Responsibility Policy

Motion by Marcotte, Second by Smith to endorse Resolution No. 19-010 approving the Strawberry Festival Responsibility Policy as presented.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

D. Strawberry Festival Administrative Policy

Motion by Smith, Second by Loria to endorse Resolution No. 19-011 approving the Strawberry Festival Administrative Policy as presented.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

E. Strawberry Festival Carnival and Rides

Motion by Marcotte, Second by Smith to endorse Resolution No. 19-012 approving the Strawberry Festival Carnival and Rides proposal as presented.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

F. GELC - Labor Agreement

Motion by Fielder, Second by Marcotte to endorse Resolution No. 19-013 approving a new GELC labor agreement dated January 1, 2019 to December 31, 2021 as presented.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

9. ACCOUNTS PAYABLE & DEPARTMENTAL EXPENDITURES

Motion by Fielder, Second by Smith to approve Resolution No. 19-014, for accounts payable and purchases over \$500.00 totaling \$232,160.24 as presented.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

10. EXECUTIVE SESSION

City Council recessed the regular meeting to go into a closed session pursuant to MCL 15.268(c) to discuss the status and strategy of pending union negotiations.

Motion by Fielder, Second by Loria to approve Resolution No. 19-015, recess regular meeting at 8:40 p.m. and enter into closed session.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Motion by Marcotte, Second by Fielder to return to open session at 8:51.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

11. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Loria, Second by Marcotte to adjourn meeting at 8:52 p.m.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Respectfully submitted,

Sherri Scharf

City Clerk

Approved: March 4, 2019

Published: March 7, 2019

More jobs coming to VBT Ricardo for electric sport utility trucks

Ricardo Defense, Inc., has been selected for production supply of the braking system including Antilock Brake System and Electronic Stability Control (ABS/ESC) for the world's first all-electric sport utility trucks, the Bollinger B1 and B2 models

This announcement of Ricardo as the supplier to Bollinger Motors follows the development of the Ricardo ABS/ESC system for the High Mobility Multipurpose

Wheeled Vehicle and a subsequent five-year prove-out of the system on a pilot project – in which a number of Michigan Army National Guard vehicles were fitted for evaluation testing.

This earlier work enabled the operational testing of the system to produce a high-quality system for the domestic and international defense and commercial sectors.

The Bollinger B1 and B2 models will

now use the very same military-hardened Ricardo ABS/ESC braking system components already deployed with military units around the world to improve the safety, performance, and reliability of the Bollinger all-electric sport utility trucks.

Production supply of the braking

system will be from Ricardo's Van Buren Township facility and will create additional jobs there.

"They say marriages are made in Heaven.
But so is thunder and lightning"
– Clint Eastwood

Van Buren Public Schools Public Notice

VAN BUREN PUBLIC SCHOOLS ADVERTISEMENT FOR BID

Van Buren Public Schools will receive sealed bid proposals for:
Tyler & Savage Elementary Schools Fascia and Soffit Replacement

Until **2:00 p.m. EST on March 21, 2019**, for the Fascia and Soffit Replacement Project at Tyler and Savage Elementary Schools. Bids will be opened and publicly read aloud immediately following the deadline for submission. Van Buren Public Schools will not consider or accept a bid received after the date and time specified for the bid submission.

The bidding documents consists of the RFP prepared by Plante Moran Cresa and the plans and specifications as prepared by Kingscott and may be obtained through the e-Builder site by selecting the link below.

Bids must be delivered no later than **2:00 p.m. EST, March 21, 2019** to Van Buren Public Schools, 555 W. Columbia Ave., Belleville, MI. 48111, Attn: James Williams, Director of Buildings and Grounds. Each proposal must be submitted on the forms included in the RFP and must be completed in full. Each proposal shall be sealed in an opaque envelope and marked with the name of the bidder and the name of the project. Van Buren Public Schools is not liable for any delivery or postal delays. No bids will be received at any other location; all bids must be received by Van Buren Public Schools at the address identified above.

A non-mandatory pre-bid conference will be held at Savage Elementary School Main Entrance, 42975 Savage Road, Belleville, MI 48111, on **March 12, 2019 at 10:00 a.m. EST**.

A Bid security executed by a U.S. Treasury listed Surety Company acceptable to the owner, or a cashier's check in the amount of at least 5% of the sum of the proposal payable to Van Buren Public Schools must accompany the proposal. All proposals shall be firm for a period of ninety (90) days. Oral, telephone, fax or electronic mail bids are invalid and will not receive consideration. Accepted bidders will be required to furnish performance and payment bonds in the amount of one hundred percent (100%) of the Contract Price.

All bids must be accompanied by a sworn and notarized statement disclosing any familial relationship that exists between the owner or any employee of the bidder and any member of the board, board of directors, or the superintendent of the school district. All bids must be accompanied by a signed and notarized statement to comply with the Iran Economic Sanctions Act of 2012. All bids must be accompanied by a signed and notarized Criminal Background Disclosure Affidavit. All bids must be accompanied by a signed and notarized Non-Collusive Affidavit.

Bid documents may be viewed and downloaded at:
<https://app.e-builder.net/public/publicLanding.aspx?QS=430e0912cad84217831191c6ef204eb9>

Documents will be available for viewing on **February 28, 2019**. Any questions, contact Rob Kakoczki at Plante Moran Cresa at rob.kakoczki@plantemoran.com.

The Board of Education reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids, either in whole or in part; to award contract to other than the low bidder; to waive any irregularities and/or informalities; and in general to make awards in any manner deemed to be in the best interests of the owner.

Publish: March 7, 2019; March 14, 2019

Sumpter Township Public Notice

**Sumpter Township
Regular Board Meeting
Tuesday, February 12, 2019, 6:30 p.m.
23480 Sumpter Rd., Belleville, MI 48111
Minutes**

Meeting called to order at 6:40 pm. Roll call: Supervisor J. Morgan, Clerk E. Hurst, Treasurer K. Bednark, Trustees: LaPorte, Rush, Oddy and Swinson. Also showing present: Attorney Young, Deputy Supervisor Armatis, Fire Chief Januszyk, Public Safety Director/Chief of Police Luke and approximately 13 residents. Pledge of Allegiance.

Agenda: Motion by Oddy, supported by Hurst to approve the agenda with the following amendments: Item B. Salary increase for 2019 of \$5,000 for 1 year, and standard increase second year with contract extension until November 2020. Motion carried.

4. Public Comments on Agenda Items Only: None

5. Minutes:

A. Motion by Hurst, supported by Swinson to approve the Regular Board Meeting Minutes of January 22, 2019. Motion carried.

6. Warrants: Motion by Oddy, supported by LaPorte to approve the Warrants totaling \$1,279,715.06. Roll call vote: Yes: Rush, Oddy, Swinson, LaPorte, Bednark, Hurst and J. Morgan. Nay: None. Motion carried unanimously.

7. Water and Sewer Report-Bednark:

A. Bednark has brought in a person to train on ACH and emailing bills, hopes to go paperless. Also, exploring credit card options. He will have more information on payment plans next water report. Motion by Rush, supported by Swinson to approve the Water and Sewer Report. Motion carried.

8. Police Report-Chief Luke:

A. Chief had consortium meeting regarding lien. Currently using SMIA/OSSI. There are only 8 members at a cost of \$20,000 per year. They need to increase membership and will be increasing monies to \$30,000 per year and sharing \$100,000. Chief will be recommending moving to Clemis system currently being used by a large amount of police departments. Huron Township will have the majority of costs in the move. Chief has rough estimate of \$28,000. He will bring more information. It will be a 6 month to a 1 year process. Will look into using forfeiture funds. Motion by Rush, supported by Swinson to approve the Police Report. Motion carried.

9. Building/Ordinance Report-Rush:

A. Detailed building report is going to be improved on the details while protecting residents regarding HIPPA. Motion by LaPorte, supported by Hurst to approve the Building/Ordinance Report. Motion carried.

10. Fire Report-Chief Januszyk:

A. 3 new firefighters were just certified in Fire Fighter I and II. The main fire station had a sprinkler system in the bays freeze and cause damage. Waiting on clean-up and re-placements. Motion by Rush, supported by Oddy to approve the Fire Report. Motion carried.

11. Treasurer's Report-Bednark:

A. Discussion regarding landfill royalties reduction. Oddy asked about audit. Attorney Young explained Canadian trash not being brought to Sumpter. Motion by Oddy, supported by Rush to approve the Treasurer's report. Motion carried.

12. Supervisor's Report-J. Morgan:

A. Motion by Hurst, supported by Bednark to approve Brad Wheelock's start date to 12/17/18. Motion carried.

B. Meeting with Kym Worthy regarding school violence.

C. Named liaison positions: Swinson-Parks & Rec; Rush-Building; Hurst-Library; Oddy- Planning/ Zoning; LaPorte-Fire/Police; Bednark-Seniors; J. Morgan-Water.

D. Board of Review dates 3/11/19 1-9pm and 3/13 9am-4pm.

E. New Boston bridge update

F. Secretary of State office closures due to upgrades.

G. Township closed on 2/18/19.

H. Black History 2/22/19 \$5.00 admission

I. 4 fundraisers announced in Belleville

Motion by Rush, supported by Swinson to approve the Supervisor's Report. Motion carried.

13. Attorney's Report-Young: No report.

14. Board Response:

A. Swinson stated Parks & Recreation had a special meeting on February 6, 2019. Parks and Recreation will not be donating any money to Missoula Children's Theater.

B. LaPorte announced chili cook off for 2/15/19 at Township Hall.

C. LaPorte stated floor drains at main fire station are rusting out and repairs will be needed and budgeted for this year. Also, a piece of new equipment will be shown off soon.

15. New Business:

A. Motion by Rush, supported by Swinson to have Christopher Brinkmeier as a back-up Building Inspector. Motion carried.

B. Motion by Hurst, supported by LaPorte for a contract extension for Scott Holtz of 1 year with a salary increase of \$5,000 effective 10/2019 and standard increase in following year with contract end date of 11/21/2020. Roll Call Vote: Yes: J. Morgan, Hurst, LaPorte, Oddy and Swinson. No: Bednark and Rush. Motion carried.

C. Motion by Hurst, supported by Rush to approve the First Amendment to the Sumpter Township Solid Waste Collection Agreement. Motion carried.

D. Motion by Swinson, supported by Rush to create a hiring committee for the part-time position in the Treasurer's office consisting of Bednark, Bellingham, Holtz and Morse, with Winter as observer. Motion carried.

E. Motion by Swinson, supported by Bednark to approve Guardian Alarm monitoring agreement for the Township Hall. Motion carried.

F. Motion by Bednark, supported by Swinson to create a committee for implementation of the new A/V System with Rush, Chief Luke and K. Woodington. Motion carried.

16. Announcements:

A. Hurst announced that due to ice on the roads, Republic would be one day behind in rubbish pick-up this week.

B. Hurst announced Huron School District is having a May election and anyone interested in being an election worker may get an application at the Clerk's office.

17. Open Floor: Four (4) people spoke.

18: Closed Session: Discuss pending litigation of Futernick vs. Sumpter 8:05 pm.

Motion by Hurst, supported by Oddy to go into closed session. Roll Call Vote: Yes: Oddy, Hurst, Swinson, Rush, LaPorte, Bednark and J. Morgan. Motion carried.

Motion by LaPorte, supported by Oddy to resume regular board meeting at 8:27 pm. Motion carried.

Motion by Rush, supported by Swinson to direct the Attorney to proceed as directed with McGraw Morris. Motion carried.

19: Adjournment: Motion by Rush, supported by LaPorte to adjourn at 8:28 pm. Motion carried.

Minutes prepared by

Karen Armatis

Deputy Supervisor, Sumpter Township

Esther Hurst, Clerk

John Morgan, Supervisor

Published: March 7, 2019

Charter Township of Van Buren Public Notice

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN PLANNING COMMISSION PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given that the Charter Township of Van Buren Planning Commission will hold public hearings on **Wednesday, March 27 at 7:30 p.m.**, in the Board of Trustees Room, 46425 Tyler Road, Charter Township of Van Buren, Wayne County, Michigan to consider the following Zoning Ordinance Amendments.

1. **Case 19-006:** A request by Carl Speaks, to rezone the property located at 13440 Martinsville Road, (Parcel ID# V-125-83-105-99-0003-000) from M-1, Light Industrial to R1-B, Single Family Residential.
2. **Case 19-007:** A request by Bobby Brown, to rezone the property located at 13510 Martinsville Road, (Parcel ID# V-125-83-105-99-0004-000) from M-1, Light Industrial to R1-B, Single Family Residential.

Please address any written comments to the Van Buren Township Planning Commission at, 46425 Tyler Road, Van Buren Township, MI 48111 or by e-mail at rakers@vanburen-mi.org. Written comments will be accepted until 4:00 p.m. on the hearing date and all materials relating to this request are available for public inspection at the Van Buren Township Hall prior to the hearing.

Van Buren Township will provide necessary reasonable auxiliary aides and services to individuals with disabilities who are planning to attend. Please contact the Van Buren Township Planning & Economic Development department at 734-699-8913 at least seven (7) days in advance of the meeting if you require assistance.

Posted: March 01, 2019
Published: March 07, 2019

Sumpter Township Public Notice

SUMPTER TOWNSHIP 2019 MARCH BOARD OF REVIEW

NOTICE TO THE TAXPAYERS AND PROPERTY OWNERS OF SUMPTER TOWNSHIP.

THE SUMPTER TOWNSHIP BOARD OF REVIEW WILL MEETING AT THE SUMPTER TOWNSHIP HALL, 23480 SUMPTER ROAD, BELLEVILLE, MI 48111 ON THE FOLLOWING DATES:

<i>Tuesday, March 5, 2019</i>	<i>4:30 PM Organizational Meeting</i>
<i>Monday, March 11, 2019</i>	<i>1:00 PM - 9:00 PM Appointments</i>
<i>Wednesday, March 13, 2019</i>	<i>9:00 AM - 4:00 PM Appointments</i>

All hearings are by appointment only and must be accompanied by a petition form. Please call one of the numbers below for an appointment. Petitions are available at the Sumpter Township Supervisors Office or download a petition for at www.michigan.gov/treasury: click on forms: type in form number L-4035.

Written appeals are accepted as well and must be accompanied by a petition form and received in the assessing department by Wednesday, March 13, 2019 at 4:00 pm. No postmarks are accepted. Mail petitions to: Sumpter Township Board of Review 23480 Sumpter Road, Belleville, MI 48111.

Hardship/poverty exemptions are accepted as well. Please call the assessing department for more information on this exemption.

Any questions regarding the Board of Review, contact the Supervisor's Office at (734) 461-6201 ext. 2229, or the Assessing Department, Tuesdays & Thursday at (734) 461-6201 ext. 2236.

Esther Hurst
Clerk

Posted: February 14, 2019
Publish: February 21st, February 28th, March 7th

Too Suite Brass Band to perform at library at 7 p.m. March 14

The Homegrown Knowledge series, sponsored by the Friends of the Belleville Area District Library, presents a live performance from a brass band at 7 p.m., Thursday, March 14, at the library.

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Charter Township of Van Buren Public Notice

VAN BUREN CHARTER TOWNSHIP 2019 MARCH BOARD OF REVIEW

NOTICE TO THE TAXPAYERS AND PROPERTY OWNERS OF VAN BUREN CHARTER TOWNSHIP

The **BOARD OF REVIEW** of the Charter Township of Van Buren will meet at the Township Hall, 46425 Tyler Road, on the following dates:

March 5th, Tuesday
10:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon
(Organizational Meeting)

No Appeals Heard at this Meeting

March 11th, Monday
9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon and 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

March 13th, Wednesday
1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. and 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

March 14th, Thursday
5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

REVIEW IN PERSON IS BY APPOINTMENT

Taxpayers/Property Owners may appeal by making an appointment to appear before the Board of Review **OR** by letter appeal (personal appearance is not required).

Letters of appeal must be received on or before MARCH 13, 2019.

Appointments to appeal in person may be scheduled by calling the Assessing Office at 734-699-8946 between 7:30 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. by MARCH 12, 2019.

Tentative ratios and estimated multipliers are as follows:

<u>Classification</u>	<u>Ratio</u>	<u>Multiplier</u>
Agricultural	50%	1.0000
Commercial	50%	1.0000
Industrial	50%	1.0000
Residential	50%	1.0000
Developmental	50%	1.0000
Personal	50%	1.0000

Leon Wright
Van Buren Charter Township

Publish: Thursday, February 21, 2019
Thursday, February 28, 2019
Thursday, March 7, 2019

Van Buren Township Police Dispatch Log

Out of the 414 dispatch calls for service reported by Van Buren Township police for these past seven days, the following are selected for this column.

Sunday, Feb. 24:
0207 – noise complaint, Lake Villa Dr.
0300 – noise complaint, Kirkridge Park Dr.
0556 – suspicious person/vehicle, Belleville Rd.
1022 – suspicious person/vehicle, E. Archwood
1241 – suspicious person/vehicle, Van Born/Lotz
1424 – suspicious person/vehicle, Belleville Rd.
1841 – runaway, Quirk Rd.
1907 – road hazard, Coca-Cola Dr.
1945 – suicidal person, Quirk
2309 – domestic, Michigan Ave.
Monday, Feb. 25:
0843 – larceny, Michigan Ave.
1029 – felony assault, Belleville Rd.
1038 – domestic, Dalton Dr.
1131 – 911 welfare check, Maple Dr.
1208 – property damage accident, Sumpter Rd.
1219 – ordinance violation, Oak Blvd.
1245 – property damage accident, S. I-94 Service Dr. / power lines
1247 – malicious destruction of property, Van Born
1250 – ordinance violation, Oak Blvd.
1304 – private property/property damage accident, Belleville Rd.
1322 – ordinance violation, Ash Dr.
1400 – ordinance violation, Ash Dr.
1507 – suspicious person/vehicle, Jackson Ln.
1740 – suspicious person/vehicle, Michigan Ave.
1749 – property damage accident, Rose Blvd.
1849 – unauthorized driving away of auto, Daniel Dr.
1909 – noise complaint, Parkwood Dr.
1939 – harassment call, Haggerty Rd.
2106 – road hazard, Belleville Rd./Van Born Rd.
2158 – property damage accident, Belleville Rd. / N. I-94 Service Dr.
2212 – road hazard, Rawsonville Rd. / W. Huron River Dr.
Tuesday, Feb. 26:
0048 – suspicious person/vehicle, Parkwood Dr.
0326 – noise complaint, Lake Villa Dr.
0803 – suspicious person/vehicle, Lake Villa Dr.
0828 – malicious destruction of property, Rawsonville Rd.
1107 – hospice death, Liberty Ln.
1204 – suspicious person/vehicle, Pond Ridge Dr.
1218 – suspicious person/vehicle, Parkwood
1235 – ordinance violation, Locust Dr.
1301 – animal complaint, Pond Ridge Dr./Savage
1419 – assist other dept., S. I-94 Service Dr.
1436 – private property impound, Lake Point Blvd.
1511 – assist other dept., Madison Dr.
1807 – suspicious person/vehicle, Riggs Rd.
Wednesday, Feb. 27:
0009 – disorderly, Lighthouse Dr.
0237 – suspicious person/vehicle, N. I-94 Service
0353 – property damage accident, WB I-94 / Belleville Rd.
0539 – property damage accident, Rawsonville Rd.
0933 – road hazard, Ecorse/I-275
0945 – found property/child, Belleville Rd.
1014 – assist other dept., Melody Ln.
1033 – larceny, Robson Rd.
1235 – fraud, McBride
1309 – ordinance violation, Bog Rd.
1418 – ordinance violation, Sumpter Rd.
1333 – fraud, Belleville Rd.
1437 – suspicious person/vehicle, McBride Ave.
1609 – fraud, Belleville Rd.
1746 – 911 welfare check, Greenwood Ct.
1747 – 911 welfare check, Arthur St.
1838 – suspicious person/vehicle, Belleville Rd.
2039 – assist other dept., W. Columbia Ave.
Thursday, Feb. 28:
0515 – domestic, S. Bellridge Dr.
0911 – ordinance violation, Pond Ridge Dr.
0941 – animal complaint, Andover Dr.
1013 – malicious destruction of property, Belleville Rd.
1035 – road hazard, Rawsonville Rd./W. Huron River Dr.
1124 – suspicious person/vehicle, Kirkridge Park Dr.
1356 – property damage accident, Revere Dr.
1359 – malicious destruction of property, N.

Woodbury Dr.
1420 – private property impound, Ecorse Rd.
1452 – private property impound, Trilogy Apts.
1534 – abandoned auto, Belle Pointe Dr.
1607 – suspicious person/vehicle, Rawsonville Rd.
1731 – property damage accident, Ecorse Rd. / Belleville Rd.
1855 – traffic offense, E. I-94/Belleville Rd.
2036 – domestic, N. Bellridge Dr.
2148 – suspicious person/vehicle, S. Woodbury Dr.
2358 – suspicious person/vehicle, Belleville Rd.

Friday, March 1:
0510 – threat, Savage Rd.
0531 – animal complaint, Savage Rd.
1148 – lost property/child, Belleville Rd.
1229 – property damage accident, Belleville Rd.
1232 – animal complaint, S. I-94 Service Dr.
1234 – animal complaint, Tyler Rd.
1233 – assault & battery, N. I-94 Service Dr.
1334 – private property impound, Van Born Rd.
1414 – property damage accident, Rawsonville Rd. / S. I-94 Service Dr.
1431 – noise complaint, Western St.
1539 – road hazard, Haggerty Rd./Van Born
1704 – suspicious person/vehicle, Wildflower Ct.
1815 – animal complaint, Hull Rd.
2231 – road hazard, Ecorse Rd./Beck Rd.

Saturday, March 2:
0013 – disorderly, Belleville Rd.
0219 – private property impound, Belleville Rd.
0313 – suspicious person/vehicle, Independence Ln. / Bellridge Blvd.
0446 – road hazard, Ecorse Rd./Hannan Rd.
0455 – parking complaint, Andover Dr./Tyler Rd.
0458 – road hazard, Elwell Rd./Martz Rd.
0840 – animal complaint, Bog Rd.
1010 – fraud, Bentley Dr.
1133 – disorderly, Belleville Rd.
1258 – private property/property damage accident, Belleville Rd.
1307 – 911 welfare check, Lighthouse Dr.
1325 – animal complaint, Parkwood Dr.
1514 – animal complaint, Sumpter Rd./Hull Rd.
1731 – personal injury accident, Michigan Ave. / Denton Rd.

1843 – retail fraud, Belleville Rd.
2017 – animal complaint, Pine Dr.
2027 – animal complaint, Fret Rd.
2055 – disorderly, Sumpter Rd.
2128 – K9 call out, S. Canton Center
2322 – suspicious person/vehicle, Village Center Dr.
Also on this week’s log are 170 traffic stops, 50 of which are on the I-94 and I-275 freeways.

Belleville Police Dispatch Log

Sunday, Feb. 24:
1009 – assist fire dept., Carmell St.
1342 – suspicious person/vehicle, E. Huron River
2035 – suicidal person, Carmell St.
2247 – intrusion alarm, W. Davis St.
2327 – assist fire dept., Brain St.
2359 – intrusion alarm, W. Columbia Ave.

Monday, Feb. 25:
0210 – assist fire dept., Carmell St.
0217 – motorist assist, Denton Rd.
0606 – abandoned auto, Denton Rd.
1327 – narcotics crime, W. Columbia Ave.
1609 – disorderly, Sumpter Rd.
1837 – threat, Sumpter Rd.
2136 – follow up by officer, Main St.
2248 – intrusion alarm, Estrada
2352 – property check, Belle Plaza

Tuesday, Feb. 26:
0205 – intrusion alarm, E. Huron River Dr.
0756 – civil matter, Carmell St.
1015 – disorderly, S. Industrial Park Dr.
1134 – assist fire dept., E. Huron River Dr.
1231 – juvenile complaint, Tyler Rd.
1232 – juvenile complaint, Tyler Rd.
1233 – juvenile complaint, Tyler Rd.
1234 – juvenile complaint, Tyler Rd.
1419 – disorderly, McBride
2110 – warrant arrest, Oakland County

Wednesday, Feb. 27:
0813 – larceny from auto, Henry St.
1059 – follow up by officer, Sumpter Rd.
1219 – fraud, Main St.
1303 – miscellaneous complaint, W. Columbia
1413 – disorderly, W. Columbia Ave.

1413 – disorderly, W. Columbia Ave.
1501 – family trouble, Carmell St.
1547 – disorderly, Main St.
1645 – suspicious person/vehicle, Sumpter Rd.
1752 – family trouble, Carmell
1924 – sexual assault, Henry St.
2039 – fight, W. Columbia Ave.
2051 – fraud, E. Columbia Ave.
2226 – 911 welfare check, Belle Villa Blvd.

Thursday, Feb. 28:
0150 – juvenile complaint, Main St.
1118 – vehicle lock out, Main St.
1153 – suspicious person/vehicle, Bedell St. / E. Huron River Dr.
1322 – prisoner transport, S. Wayne Rd.
1932 – follow up by officer, Henry St.
2249 – warrant arrest, Sumpter/Bemis

Friday, March 1:
1135 – vehicle lock out, Main St.
1506 – disorderly, Main St.
1550 – fraud, Main St.
1609 – welfare check, E. Columbia Ave.
1621 – follow up by officer, Riggs
1654 – follow up by officer, Walmart
1759 – parking complaint, W. Columbia Ave.
1801 – narcotics crime, E. Huron River Dr.
1901 – suspicious person/vehicle, W. Columbia
2121 – welfare check, W. Columbia Ave.

Saturday, March 2:
0259 – civil matter, Astor Pl.
0850 – welfare check, N. Liberty St./Fifth
1553 – fraud, W. Columbia Ave.
1601 – welfare check, Carmell St.
1918 – assist fire dept., E. Huron River Dr.
2101 – assist other dept., Sumpter Rd.

Also on this week’s log are 19 traffic stops.

Sumpter Township Police Dispatch Log

Sunday, Feb. 24:
0251 – fire dept. assist, 9400 bl. Rawsonville Rd.
0304 – property damage accident, 43000 bl. Dunn
0926 – assist other agency, Rawsonville/Judd
1010 – civil dispute, Rustic Ln.
1017 – civil dispute, 23000 bl. Elwell Rd.
1130 – civil dispute, 44000 bl. Willis Rd.
1216 – fire dept. assist, 48000 bl. Willis Rd.
1232 – animal complaint, 44000 bl. Willow Rd.
1418 – down wires, Willis/Martinsville
1453 – civil dispute, 22000 bl. Bohn Rd.
1943 – civil dispute, 41000 bl. Willow Rd.
2139 – well-being check, 40000 bl. Willis Rd.

Monday, Feb. 25:
0143 – alarm, 19000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
0421 – suspicious incident, Martinsville/Willis
0428 – 911 hang up, 51000 bl. Willis Rd.
1119 – civil dispute, 26000 bl. Martinsville Rd.
1202 – subpoena service, 21000 bl. Haggerty Rd.
1220 – mental health commitment, 45000 bl. Judd
1332 – civil dispute, 42000 bl. Willis Rd.
1542 – alarm, 19000 bl. Crandell Ct.
1848 – malicious destruction of property, 20000 bl. Martinsville Rd.
1925 – suspicious incident, 21000 bl. Elwell Rd.

Tuesday, Feb. 26:
0810 – parking complaint, 46000 bl. Traskos
1006 – fire dept. assist, 50000 bl. Judd Rd.
1052 – warrant arrest pick up, 43000 bl. Harris Rd.
1152 – suspicious incident, Rustic Ln.
1234 – harassment complaint, 42000 bl. Bemis Rd.
1542 – well-being check, 44000 bl. Wear Rd.
1838 – animal complaint, 41000 bl. Willow Rd.
2324 – fire dept. assist, 26000 bl. Sumpter Rd.

Wednesday, Feb. 27:
0606 – reckless driver, Sumpter/Bemis
0759 – property damage accident, Oakville Waltz / Sumpter
1213 – alarm, 42000 bl. willow Rd.
1236 – citizen assist, 18000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1343 – citizen assist, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1430 – dumping complaint, 19000 bl. Wilmot Rd.
2127 – suspicious incident, 39000 bl. Judd Rd.
2306 – fire dept. assist, 17000 bl. Sully Dr.

Thursday, Feb. 28:
0906 – fire dept. assist, 25000 bl. Karr Rd.
1242 – neighbor dispute, 40000 bl. Willis Rd.
1343 – family trouble, 26000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1433 – suspicious vehicle, 44000 bl. Dunn Rd.
1503 – suspicious incident, 42000 bl. Judd Rd.
1655 – suspicious person, Rawsonville/Willis

1856 – mental health commitment, 49000 Arkona
2207 – warrant arrest pick up, Martinsville / Mulberry
Friday, March 1:
0153 – assist other agency, 50000 bl. Judd Rd.
0409 – disorderly person, 22000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
0548 – suspicious incident, Dakota
0745 – citizen assist, Bemis/Sumpter
0756 – animal complaint, Willow/Rawsonville
0909 – property damage accident, Oakville Waltz / Sumpter Rd.
0943 – malicious destruction of property, 48000 bl. Willow Rd.
1116 – animal complaint, 43000 bl. Arkona Rd.
1240 – down wires, Willow/Sumpter
1344 – animal complaint, Karr/Wear
1403 – alarm, 19000 bl. Haggerty Rd.
1722 – citizen assist, Carriage Ln.
1849 – family trouble, Rustic Ln.
2026 – suspicious vehicle, 48000 bl. Wear Rd.
2156 – mental health commitment, 42000 bl. Willis Rd.

2300 – assist other agency, Bemis/Martinsville
2355 – harassment complaint, Rustic Ln.
Saturday, March 2:
0109 – civil dispute, 26000 bl. Martinsville
0727 – civil dispute, Edgewood Dr.
0815 – suspicious incident, Rustic Ln.
0834 – fire dept. assist, 49000 bl. Bemis Rd.
0918 – animal complaint, Willis/Elwell
1334 – animal complaint, 22000 bl. Fenster
1623 – civil dispute, Carriage Ln.
2048 – suspicious incident, 46000 bl. Judd Rd.
2119 – fire dept. assist, 24000 bl. Elwell Rd.
2133 – assist other agency, 12000 bl. Rawsonville
2220 – mental health commitment, 45000 bl. Harris Rd.

Also on this week’s log are 13 follow-up investigations, 19 miscellaneous details, 83 patrol checks, and 33 traffic stops.

Sumpter Twp. widow sues two former Canton dispatchers over 911

Dorothy Greene of Sumpter Township on Feb. 19 filed suit against two former Canton Township 911 dispatchers in Wayne County Circuit Court charging her husband died because the two did not do their jobs. She is seeking \$25 million in damages.

Attorney Jonathan Robert Marko, representing the widow of Stephen Greene, 69, said because of a blatant disregard for her duties Rachel Rowell knowingly muted the volume on the township’s 911 emergency line “because she was having a bad day.”

Joshua Choroba, a second Canton dispatcher, was also cited in the \$25 million law suit because Marko claims Choroba neglected to turn the volume up after he took over for Rowell during a shift change. Marko said that a third person in the dispatch center overheard Rowell’s “bad day” comment.

Stephen Greene was in Heartland Health Care Center rehabilitation facility and was due to be discharged the next day. The nursing staff at Heartland was on duty in the early morning hours of March 1, 2018, but no doctors. The staff reportedly made 13 calls to Canton 911 to get an ambulance crew to work on Greene or to get him to a hospital to treat the heart attack he was having. He died the next day.

Rowell and Choroba were suspended from the department after the internal investigation revealed significant policy violations and evidence of possible criminal conduct.

After a review by the Wayne County Prosecutor’s office and the Michigan State Police, the prosecutor’s office charged Rowell with willful neglect of duty.

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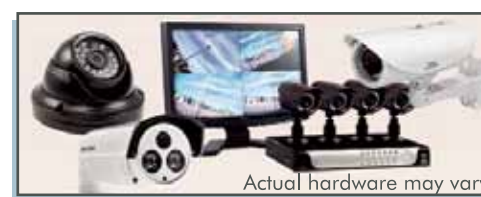
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